

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 498

By Smith

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Jim Sadler of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that the members of this General Assembly acknowledge and applaud those community leaders who are wholly devoted to enhancing the quality of life for their fellow citizens and improving and enriching the place they all call home; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Jim Sadler, a beloved resident of Chattanooga who has devoted himself to compassionately serving his neighbors and friends for many decades; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sadler has been a witness to some of his community's most enduring historical events, including President Franklin Roosevelt's visit to Chattanooga for the Chickamauga Dam dedication; and

WHEREAS, raised in North Chattanooga, Jim Sadler graduated from Central High School in 1949, the same year he answered his country's call to serve with the United States Navy during the Korean War, spending a portion of his time at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard; and

WHEREAS, a man of abiding faith, Mr. Sadler accepted Christ at an early age and holds membership with North Chattanooga Church of God, driving the church bus for more than twenty years; and

WHEREAS, it was at church that he met the love of his life, Peggy Jo Merrill; the two were wed and enjoyed sixty-seven years of love and companionship prior to her recent passing; the couple was blessed with four children—two daughters and twin sons, one of whom died in infancy; and

WHEREAS, Jim Sadler worked at the Chattanooga DuPont plant in the textile division for thirty-three years, moonlighting at the M and J Supermarket on Ashland Terrace; while he

was working at the supermarket, Bob Coulter, operator of Coulter Funeral Home, was impressed with his interaction with customers and invited him to come work for him; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Mr. Sadler became employed by the Chattanooga Funeral Home; he has conducted thousands of funerals and been a source of comfort for so many during their darkest hours; and

WHEREAS, Jim Sadler is a life member of the VFW and a member of the Kiwanis Club and Lions Club, and he has been honored by the Chattanooga Chapter Freedoms Foundation with the Quilt of Valor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sadler is a servant-hearted community leader who is passionate about helping others, and it is most fitting that he be honored; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Jim Sadler, a beloved, lifelong resident of Chattanooga who has done immeasurable good throughout his community, extending our sincere gratitude for his many years of selfless service and our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.